

Making our parks safer for children

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 [Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember, 13th District](#)

Friend --

I introduced policy this week that directs staff to draft an ordinance to make children's playgrounds in a City park even safer.

The motion directs the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks, to prepare and present a draft ordinance that limits access in specific areas of our parks where there are playgrounds, allowing only children and their accompanying parents and/or guardians.

As City leaders, we owe this to families, to create safe spaces for their children. Other municipalities have adopted similar laws to enhance child safety and provide law enforcement with clear regulations as to who may be present in a playground.

The item will go before the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners, then to the *Arts, Parks, and Los Angeles River Committee*, and then to the full City Council for a vote.

Our park facilities should be a safe haven for every family member, and we must do our part to provide proper protections for the young and vulnerable. I'll provide updates as this policy moves through the public process.

Warm regards,

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Mitch O'Farrell

COMING UP

**** THE COUNCIL OFFICE WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE WINTER RECESS, HOWEVER THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, AND MONDAY, JANUARY 2, IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS DAY****

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HEADLINES

City Council looks to enhance safety at parks [\[KPCC\]](#)

Hollywood theater receives historic designation [\[LA INDEPENDENT\]](#)

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